

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 327

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor Monica Boles, head coach of the Roane State Lady Raiders basketball team.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize a lady whose passion for teaching and helping young people has been prominent throughout her entire coaching career; and

WHEREAS, Monica Boles is stepping down as the head coach of the Roane State Community College Lady Raiders basketball team after eleven successful seasons at the helm; and

WHEREAS, Coach Boles was honored upon her exemplary career by the college, its administration, current and former players, other Roane State athletes, and fans alike at the Lady Raiders' final home game of the season versus Walters State on February 23, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Coach Boles is most proud of the strong relationships she has built with her players over the years, and she has taken great pleasure in watching them grow and mature into responsible members of society; and

WHEREAS, although she is retiring from coaching to spend more time with her family, Monica Boles will continue to serve as a faculty member in Roane State's Social Science Division and teach lifetime wellness, safety, nutrition, first aid, and CPR; and

WHEREAS, in high school, she distinguished herself as an outstanding basketball player as the starting point guard for the powerhouse Clarkrange Lady Buffaloes; renowned as a "go getter" and hard-nosed player, she won many accolades; and

WHEREAS, although she was recruited by the University of the South and the U.S. Naval Academy, Monica Boles chose the family-like atmosphere of Roane State instead and enjoyed an exemplary basketball career there; she was named the team's Player of the Year

both years and earned Honorable Mention All-American and Academic All-American honors during her tenure at Roane State; and

WHEREAS, in order to stay close to her family, she transferred to Carson-Newman College to complete her bachelor's degree, even though some Division I schools expressed interest in her as a scholarship basketball player; and

WHEREAS, Coach Boles graduated from Carson-Newman with a degree in computer science and began her professional career in 2004 at Roane State, working as a microcomputer specialist technician; and

WHEREAS, she volunteered to serve as an assistant coach for the Roane State women's basketball team, and in 2008, she assumed the duties of head coach; the rest, as they say, is history; and

WHEREAS, Monica Boles earned a master's degree in exercise science, physical education, and wellness from Tennessee Technological University while coaching at Roane State; and

WHEREAS, she is indeed fortunate to share love and companionship with her husband, Rick Boles, and their daughter, Kai; and

WHEREAS, since she discovered her first true love in basketball as a second grader, Monica Boles has made significant contributions to the game, both at the high school and collegiate levels, and she is worthy of our approbation as we reflect upon her legacy as a role model and mentor of young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Monica Boles upon her illustrious tenure as the head coach of the Roane State Community College Lady Raiders basketball team and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.